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August 29, 1991

Ms. Louise Yarbrough, Executive Director
Dade Heritage Trust
Historic Preservation Center
190 Southeast 12 Terrace
Miami, Florida 33131

Dear Ms. Yarbrough:

We appreciate your interest in having Mays Middle School added to the list of historically significant schools in Dade County.

I have attached a copy of a memorandum received from Ms. Virginia L. Rosen, Assistant Superintendent, Office of Planning and Management Systems, indicating procedures to be used in this process.

If you would be so kind as to contact Ms. Rosen at 995-1481, she will assist you in this matter.

Sincerely,

Octavio J. Visiedo
Superintendent of Schools

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Attachment

cc: Board Members

MEMORANDUM

August 29, 1991
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TO: Mr. Octavio J. Visiedo, Superintendent of Schools

FROM: Virginia L. Rosen, Assistant Superintendent
Office of Planning and Management Systems

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR HISTORICAL DESIGNATIONS OF SCHOOLS

There appears to be increased interest in having additional schools declared historically significant, primarily because of their cultural significance to various communities. Through the adoption of Board Rule 6Gx13-7A-1.011 in 1989 the Board responded to this concern by establishing an internal review process for the renovation, expansion or demolition of school buildings that may have historical/architectural significance (as well as for the addition of other schools). The Board determined that this process was more appropriate than having outside agencies designate which schools they deemed historically or architecturally significant.

It is important that school site administrators be aware of the Board Rule on this matter. Should they be directly contacted by community members, they would refer them to this office (995-1481) and we will be pleased to guide them through the proper process.

Virginia L. Rosen VLR

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August 1, 1991

Mr. Bill Turner, Chairman
Dade County School Board
School Board Administration Building
1450 NE 2 Avenue
Miami, FL 33132

Dear Mr. Turner:

On behalf of the Dade Heritage Trust Board of Trustees and Mays Middle School, I would like to formally request that Mays Middle School be added to the list of historically significant schools in Dade County.

I understand that the next School Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 21 and would appreciate it if you could include this issue on the agenda.

I have spoken to Mr. Robert Stinson, Mays Principal, who, along with many other Mays alumni and area residents, is most anxious for this important school to receive proper recognition of its role in the history of the community.

The Dade County School Board is to be commended for its recognition of our many historic schools. By so doing, you have created an awareness of both the students and citizens that our historic buildings play an important role in linking our past with our future.

I look forward to working with the Dade County School Board in the future, in particular, Mr. Leon Valentine. I hope to hear from you soon regarding confirmation of this request to appear before the Board August 21.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Louise Yarbrough
Executive Director

cc: Mr. William Cael
Mr. Leon Valentine
Ms. Dorothy Fields
Mr. Robert Stinson
Mr. Eddie Pearson
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